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# Waiting Room Cheers First Baby of 1965

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Edgar Thibault looked anxiously at the waiting room clock. Midnight. Bells clanged. Sirens blew. Horns tooted. Orchestras played Auld Lang Syne. "Happy New Year!"

Then 1965 was but two seconds old when the white-clad nurse emerged from the delivery room and said, "Congratulations, Mr. Thibault, it's a girl."

Mrs. Carol Thibault's six-pound, 11-ounce baby was the first born in the Washington area in the New Year.

The waiting room at Columbia Hospital for Women was noisy with congratulations. Everyone beamed as though this were his own celebration—not the Thibaults'.

Edgar Thibault was doubly pleased. This was his first child. He didn't seem to notice, much less mind, that his new daughter was two seconds late for his 1964 tax return.

At 25, the new father, an engineer, meant it when he said this was "the most pleasing moment of my life."

Thibault, employed with the Bureau of Naval Weapons, said that it was his wife's responsibility to name the child.

The couple has been married about 1½ years and live at 408 North George Mason Drive, Arlington. They met when Thibault came here following graduation from Tufts College.

He describes his wife as a "beautiful blonde," and says that although she worked for the Central Intelligence Agency before their marriage, she's going to be a housewife from now on.

Two other New Year babies were born in the first minute after midnight.

At the Washington Hospital Center, Mrs. Mardy Errera, 24, of 6421 Landover Rd., Cheverly, gave birth to a 7-pound 13-ounce girl, 30 seconds after midnight.

Ten seconds later, Mrs. Michael F. Thir, 33, of 4230 Round Hill Rd., Silver Spring, gave birth to a 7-pound 11-ounce boy at Holy Cross Hospital.

The first Virginia birth of the new year did not occur until 1 a.m. when Mrs. Jo-

seph Berry, 29, of 2518 Carriage Drive, Alexandria, gave birth to a 7-pound 7½-ounce girl in Alexandria Hospital.

In the world beyond the hospital waiting rooms, the streets were relatively quiet. Watch night services were held at a number of Washington area churches.

The big hotels and night clubs all had blasts at midnight, with paper hats and bubbling wine. The police said they locked up only a few persons for swinging too high.

Many residents used the long weekend to travel out of the area by car, bus, plane or train.

For the most part, those who stayed at home celebrated right there, with family reunions and gatherings of friends.



Edgar Thibault of Arlington spreads the news of the first girl in the area since 1965.—Star Staff Photo by Gene Abbott.

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